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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

1. THIS IS REPORT ON PRIVATE CONVERSATION OF STOESSEL,
MOROKHOV, TIMERBAEV, BUCHLEIM AT LUNCH MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

2. AGREED THAT CHAIRMANSHIP WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN STOESSEL
AND MOROKHOV, PLENARIES WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO OR THREE PER
WEEK, AGENDA WILL BE PROJECTED ONE MEETING FORWARD.

3. MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV BOTH DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO
SUBJECT OF PUBLIC RELEASES ON NEGOTIATIONS. FIRST
PREFERENCE WAS THAT THERE BE NONE. ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES
ARE: (A) RELEASE STARTING THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEGUN ON
PNES WITH PRIMARY REFERENCE TO ARTICLE III OF TTBT AND CLEAR
EXPLANATION THAT SPECIFIC ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO FACTORS
RELEVANT TO ARTICLE V OF NPT, OR (B) RELEASE STARTING THAT
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEGUN ON SUBJECT OF PNES WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO ANY PARTICULAR TREATY. STOESSEL STATED THAT THESE VIEWS
WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. SOVIET EMPHASIS ON ARTICLE V OF NPT CONTINUED WITH
LENGTHY REMARKS BY MOROKHOV ON IMPORTANCE OF US-SOVIET
UNDERSTANDING ON ACTIVE APPROACH TO MAKING PNE SERVICES
AVAILABLE TO NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES. RATIONALE WAS THAT NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION NEEDS TO BE DETERRED, THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN
MADE HARDER BY INDIAN ACTION, AND ONLY WAY TO SERVE THE PURPOSE

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OF NON-PROLIFERATION IS TO MAKE PNES AGGRESSIVELY AVAILABLE

TO DEPRIVE INTERESTED COUNTRIES OF GROUNDS FOR PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY.

5. ARGUMENT FURTHER MADE THAT US-SOVIET BILATERAL PNE AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF PNE TECHNOLOGY FOR SERVICES TO THIRD COUNTRIES. MOROKHOV DID NOT ELABORATE ON MEANING OF "JOINT DEVELOPMENT."

6. CLAIM MADE THAT UK HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PNE SERVICES FROM US AND USSR.

7. IN RESPONSE TO OBSERVATION THAT NPT IS MULTILATERAL TREATY, MOROKHOV ARGUED THAT NEVERTHELESS ONLY TWO COUNTRIES (US AND USSR) ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE PNE SERVICES. THEREFORE, NEED FOR US-USSR BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING ON PNE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS.

8. PROBLEM OF LTBT MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH SCHEDULE FOR IAEA MEETING IN JANUARY 1975 ON TECHNICAL TOPICS. TIMERBAEV ACKNOWLEDGED WITHOUT OBJECTION THAT US HAS INFORMED SOVIET S THAT OUR DELEGATION FOR CURRENT TALKS WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS RADIOACTIVITY STANDARDS. MOROKHOV STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GOING THROUGH WITH BILATERAL TALKS IN PREPARATION FOR IAEA JANUARY MEETING. HE NOTED ABSENCE OF US REPLY TO SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT BILATERAL TALKS BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 1974.

9. NOROKHOV NOTED THAT US PNE PROGRAM IS "FROZEN" WHILE SOVIET PROGRAM IS GOING FORWARD. HE STATED THE OPINION THAT THE US WOULD REGRET THIS IN FUTURE AND DECLARED SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO SHARE PNE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE WITH US TO HELP THE US.

10. NEAR END OF MEETING MOROKHOV SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE VARIED RAMIFICATIONS OF PNES (E.G., RELATION TO TTBT, NPT, LTBT) WOULD BE TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND AIM FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT.

11. STOESSEL REITERATED THAT PRIMARY TASK AT HAND IS TO DEVELOP A BASIS FOR PNE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF
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